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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Ari HINKKANEN)
Serial No. (to be assigned)) Examiner:
Filed: 29 January 1998) Group Art Unit:
For: A NEW FUSION PROTEIN AND)
ITS USE IN AN IMMUNOASSAY)
FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS)
DETECTION OF AUTOANTIBODIES)
RELATED TO INSULIN-DEPENDENT)
DIABETES MELLITUS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above application, filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

At the top of the unnumbered page containing the Abstract,
please insert -- 22 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

Please add the following new claim:

--17. A vector comprising the cDNA according to claim 8.--

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